



Friday, April 24th, 2020

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians of Niagara Catholic Secondary Schools:

I pray that this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe. Together with the Board of Trustees and Senior Staff, Principals, Vice-Principals, teachers and support staff, we continue to support you during this time of school closure with a continued focus on the continuity of student learning, achievement and well-being.

During teacher-led distance learning, teachers will assign learning tasks, projects and culminating activities and communicate the results of marked assignments to students using Board-approved digital platforms. Student work will be assessed with a focus on student achievement and successful credit completion.

No student's mark should be negatively affected by performance during the school closure period. Grades and marks will not go down from what they were on March 13th, 2020. However, it is important that students continue to be actively engaged in teacher-led learning and complete assignments to the best of their ability to ensure achievement of course expectations for the student's continued success.

For students in Semester 2 Grade 10 Civics and Citizenship (CHV2O) and Careers (GLC2O) 0.5 courses: One of these courses has been completed and the final mark for this course will be based on achievement and the most accurate reflection of students' work to March 13th, 2020. Students began the new half-credit course, either Civics or Careers, as of April 14th, 2020. It is important that students engage in teacher-led learning for the second 0.5 credit course in order to ensure successful credit completion. Both courses will be reported on the final report card.

For Grade 12 students: Mid-year marks for students heading to university or college will be sent to OUAC or OCAS by May 1st, 2020. These marks are based on student work completed prior to March 13th, 2020 and may include student work completed since April 6th, 2020 when in the best interest of students. Grade 12 students can withdraw from a course up to May 6th, 2020 by contacting the schools Student Services Department.

All secondary students in Grades 9 to 12 will receive a final report card. Marks will be based on work prior to March 13th, 2020 and after April 6th, 2020. Final report cards will be issued no later than July 3rd, 2020.

Parents/guardians and students are encouraged to communicate regularly with teachers through Board-approved digital platforms about ongoing learning, progress and achievement. If a parent/guardian or student would like to contact a teacher, teachers can be reached through Board email addresses available on the school website.

The *Niagara Catholic Continuity of Learning Update for Families of Grades 9 to 12 Students* is attached and available on the Board website. This information will be updated as required.

On behalf of Bishop Bergie, Chair Fera and the Board of Trustees, members of Senior Staff, Principals, Vice-Principals and staff, we thank you for your continued support and cooperation to ensure the success of all Niagara Catholic students. We continue to offer our prayers that you and your family are healthy, safe and well as we work together for the continuity of learning for all students.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Crocco".

John Crocco
Director of Education